

CITY OF WELLS.URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITYREPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for 1949To the Urban Sanitary Authority of the City of Wells.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the Health of the Borough during 1949.

GENERAL.

The area of the City is 1301.150 acres.

The Register General's estimate of the mid-year resident population of Wells in 1949 was 6,070 (6030).

The number of inhabited houses in the City at the end of 1949 was 1,720 (1713).

The rateable value at the end of 1949 was £46,336, (£45,021)

The sum represented by a penny rate at the end of 1949 was estimated at £190. 0. 0. (£182. 0. 0.).

BIRTH RATE.

The total live births in the City in 1949 was 91 (81) as follows:-

Legitimate 87 (81) Males: 44 (41) Females: 43 (40)

Illegitimate 4 (-) Males: 2 Females: 2

The birth rate per thousand of the population was 15.0 (13.4).

DEATH RATE.

There were 73 (61) deaths in the City during 1949, 40 Males and 33 Females.

There were no deaths from Puerperal Sepsis or other Puerperal causes.

There were 12 (8) deaths from Cancer and 20 (16) from Heart Diseases.

The death rate per thousand of the population was 12.0.

INFANT MORTALITY.

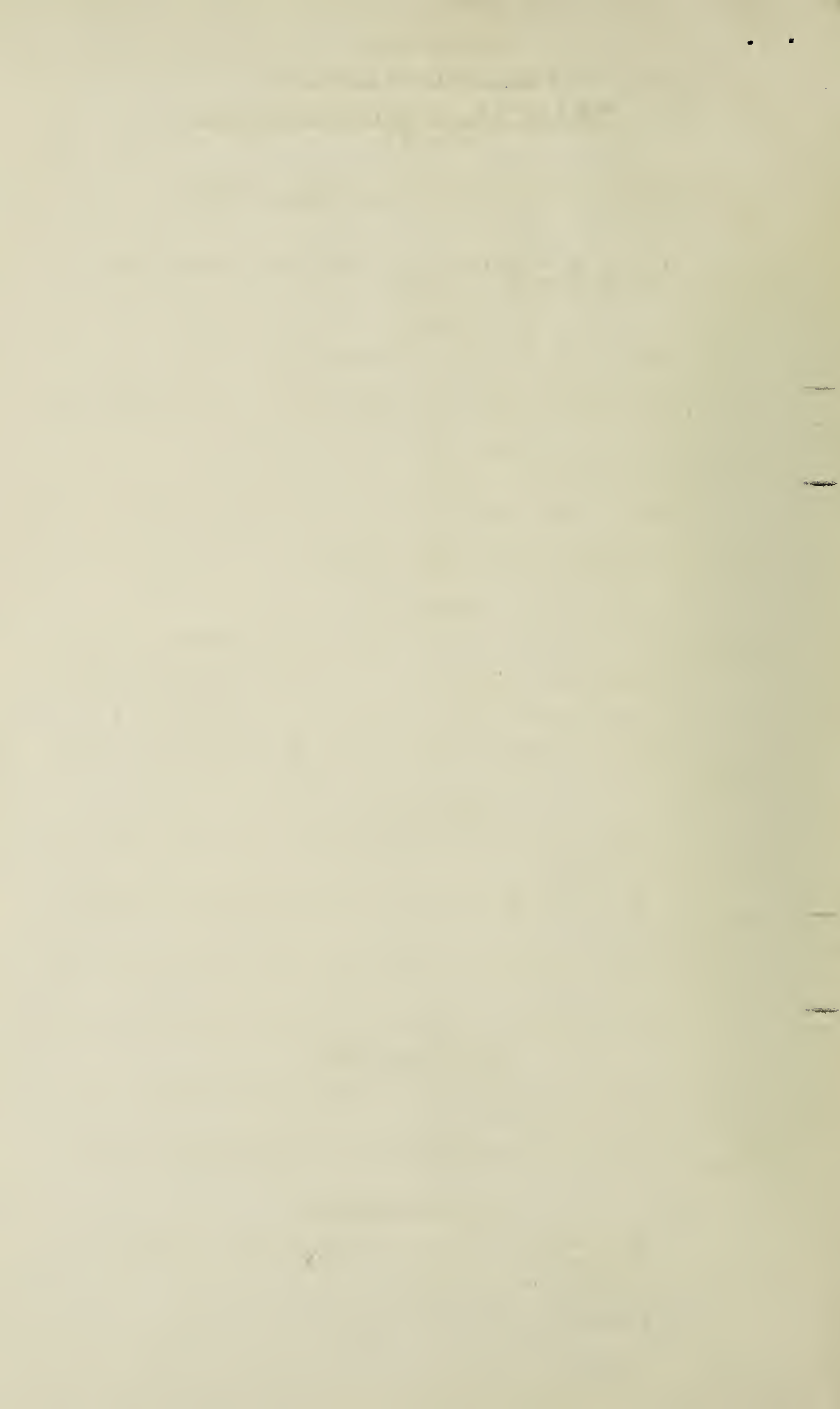
There were 2 (3) deaths in the City of infants under one year. Both legitimate.

N.B. The figures in brackets are the corresponding figures for 1948.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The Borough has been free from serious epidemic diseases during the year. One case of scarlet fever and one case of puerperal pyrexia were reported.

There were no deaths from epidemic diseases.



TUBERCULOSIS

At the beginning of the year the number of cases on my register was 26 as follows:-

<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Total.</u>	
<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
10	8	5	3	15	11

During the year 7 cases of pulmonary and 1 case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified.

During the year 8 cases were removed from my register as follows:-

Left the District	4.
Died	1.
Cured	3.

So that at the end of the year the number of cases on my register was 26 as follows:-

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<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
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BUG INFESTATION.

No cases were notified during the year.

SCABIES.

No cases were notified which could not be treated at home.

The incidence of scabies in 1949 was slight.

WATER SUPPLY.

During the year chlorination has been continued both at the Spring head and the Deep Well. At present a wholesome supply is available throughout the City.

Water main extensions have been carried out on the new local authority and private enterprise housing schemes.

A scheme has been approved by the Ministry of Health for the provision of an additional borehole and pumping plant.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The consultant Engineers of the Council are preparing the scheme for the reconstruction of the Sewage Disposal Works on lines suggested by the Ministry of Health.

NUMBER OF HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR

(1) By Local Authority.

With State Assistance.

(a)	Rehousing under Housing Act 1936	Nil.
(b)	Overcrowding.	Nil.
(c)	Other.	6.

(2) By Other Bodies or Persons.

With State Assistance	Nil.
Without State Assistance	3.

TYPES OF NEW HOUSES.

Houses Erected by.	Type.	No.	Av Cost per House.	Av. rent excl. of rates.	If subsid. Subsidy per year.	Period of Subsidy
Local Authority	3 Bedroom Type	3	£1,500	15/-d.	L.A. £5/10/0 Govt. £16/10/0.	60yrs.
	2 Bedroom Type.	3	£1,325	13/-d.	L.A. £5/10/0 Govt £16/10/0	60yrs.
Private Enterprise.	3 Bedroom Type.	1	£1,675.			
	Bungalow 2 Bedroom Type.	2	£1,165.			

HOUSING PROGRAMME.

New houses proposed to be erected by Local Authority:-

(a) 1950 12 (b) 1951 26 (c) 1952 -

The future programme is dependant upon Ministry of Health sanction. The Council has approved a layout of Balch Road for approximately 160 houses. Sanction has been received for 56 houses of which 6 have been completed and 38 are in course of construction.

HOUSING APPLICATIONS.

The total number of applications for Council Houses at the end of the year was 296.

OVERCROWDING.

The overcrowding situation in the City is not serious but there were isolated cases which will receive attention when alternative accommodation becomes available.

HOUSING INSPECTIONS.

(1)	1 (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (Under Public Health or Housing Acts.	287.
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	527.
	2 (a)	Number of dwelling houses (Included under sub-head 1 (a) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations 1925 and 1932.	145.
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	183.
	(c)	Number of houses in which no action was found necessary.	56.
	3 (a)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	58.
	4 (a)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	156.
(11)	(a)	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority and their Officers.	130.
	(b)	Number of houses demolished voluntarily or in consequence of informal action.	Nil.
	(c)	Number of houses demolished under existing Clearance Orders.	2
(111)	<u>Action under Statutory Powers during the year.</u>		
		Proceedings under Section 9. 10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936.	Nil.
		Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	Nil.
		Proceedings under Section 12 Housing Act 1936	Nil.

HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION.

A weekly combined house refuse and salvage collection is carried out in the City.

MILK SUPPLY.

(a)	Total number of Registered Dairy Farms.	7.
(b)	Total number of Retailers.	6.
(c)	Number of Producer/Retailer included in (b)	1.
(d)	Number of Licensed Pasteurisation Plants.	1.
(e)	Number of Heat-treatment plants not included in (a)	Nil.

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MEAT SUPERVISION.

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| (a) | Number of Licensed Slaughter Houses in District | 4. |
| (b) | Number of Registered Slaughter Houses in District | 5. |
| (c) | Number in use by Ministry of Food. | Nil. |

KNACKERS YARDS.

Number registered in District	Nil.
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ICE CREAM.

Number of premises registered for:-

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| (a) | Manufacture | 63 |
| (b) | Sale | 28 |

RIVER POLLUTION.

Number of cases dealt with during the year.	Nil.
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SANITARY INSPECTOR.

Dated. September 7th, 1950.

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